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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Kiamars Hajizadeh and Zakir S. Murtaza

Application No.: 09/993,391

Confirmation No.: 4943

Filed On: November 14, 2001

Examiner: Counts, Gary W.

Art Unit: 1641

For: Rapid Prion-Detection Assay

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner For Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Dear Sir:

Applicants in the above-identified Application request a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on March 28, 2005. With this Extension, the time to respond is now set at June 28, 2005. Applicant submits herewith a check in the sum of \$490.00 for the three month extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit our Account No. 23-0280 for any payment deficiencies in this matter. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

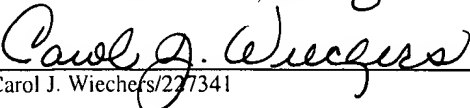
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